CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, California 93401

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

of

REISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS DRAFT ORDER NO. R3-2012-0008 FOR

TIMBER HARVEST ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRAL COAST REGION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to reissue the *Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R3-2012-0008 for Timber Harvest Activities in the Central Coast Region* (Timber Order).

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the proposed draft order on **Thursday**, **July 12**, **2012**, at:

Watsonville City Council Chambers 275 Main Street - 4th Floor (new building) Watsonville, CA 95076

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board at its office in San Luis Obispo or via electronic mail (centralcoast@waterboads.ca.gov) no later than May 18, 2012. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the draft Order after May 18, 2012, unless the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship, and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by May 18, 2012. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

Documents related to this agenda item, including the draft Order and the associated staff report, will be available after April 18, 2012, on the Central Coast Water Board's internet site at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/timber_harvest/index.shtml

The draft Order, related documents, and all comments received may be inspected and copied at the office of the Central Coast Water Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please direct comments and questions to **Michael Higgins at (805) 542-4649 or (mhiggins@waterboards.ca.gov)**, or Sheila Soderberg at (805) 549-3592 at this office.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones at 805-549-3372** at least five working days before the event. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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